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In Re the Application of:

LOVELL et al.

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SORBENT FOR REMOVAL OF
ARSENIC AND OTHER TOXIC
IONS FROM DRINKING WATER

) Group Art Unit: 1725

) Examiner: JOHNSON, CHRISTINA ANN

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated April 19, 2005 (Paper No. 041205) which replaced the previous Office Action (dated December 20, 2004), the Examiner again issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application, and further requires an election of species. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Group I (Claims 1-13 and 26-38); Group II (Claims 14-24); Group III (Claim 25); and Group IV (Claims 39-50) were distinct inventions, and if electing Group I, an additional election of species is required between Species A (zeolite) and Species B (phyllosilicate).

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-13 and 26-38) in this patent application. Applicants also hereby elect Species B (phyllosilicate, including vermiculite, bentonite, and montmorillonite). Claims 4, 6, and 29 are readable on Species B.

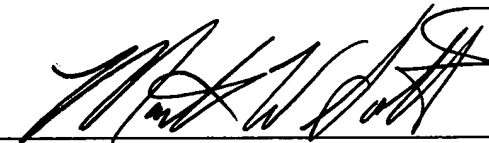
Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Group II (Claims 14-24); Group III (Claim 25); and Group IV (Claims 39-50) in subsequent divisional/continuation applications.

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